

1983 THOROBRED

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Tell Me
What You
Think About
the Thorobreds!



## Nickname Explained

MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE Kentucky State got its nickname of Thorobreds because the state of Kentucky is noted for its horses and the famed Kentucky Derby. However, Dr. Henry Cheaney, a long time KSU professor who recently retired, said the name was coined from one of the great football teams which included National Championship teams in 1934 and 1937.

THE STORY GOES—He was talking to a spectator about one of those great football teams and said, "these boys run and play just like a bunch of Thorobreds."

THAT STATEMENT GOT AROUND and the nickname began to catch. Finally, the name was adopted as the official nickname for all KSU athletic teams.





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# STUDENT LIFE







Sidewalks lead these students to class where they work towards centennial excellence.



For most, class is a time when students and teachers discuss life and their part in it.





KSU students find many ways to amuse themselves; be it at a dance, game room, or an empty lot to throw away a few frustrations.





A student receives help from her instructor.





The library is a quiet place where students can study.





Students enjoy each others successes and new learning experiences.







Books are set aside and the party begins on weekends at KSU.







It is a combination of things that make KSU a unique experience for each student.



















One of the most important attributes to campus life is the discovery of special friends who have similar interests.







We have grown, we have learned, and we have experienced another year together at KSU.

# CAMPUS LIFE





### FRESH OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL?



University freshmen spent the day at a picnic given by President and Mrs. Burse.













## THE BEGINNING







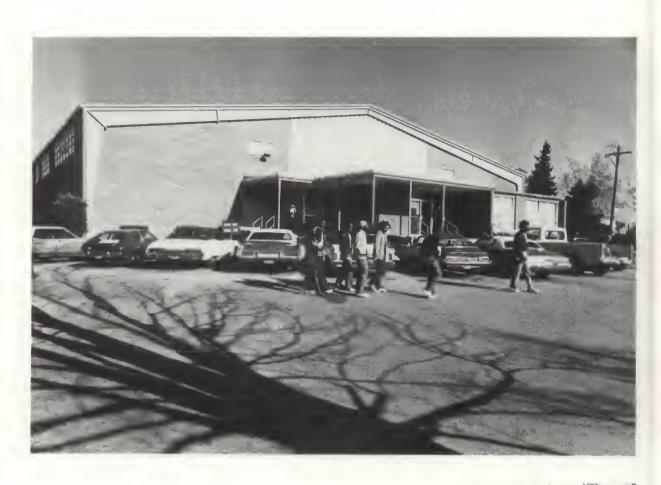
Registration is a trying time during a student's college career. But, together

college students faced this and other challenges.





The road taken to college was a decision made by each one of us. The first year will have good and hard times; but hopefully, one will find success. Time goes on, we mature, and can look back at all of our college experiences.



Crisp autumn days mark the oncoming days of bonfires, football games, and sweaters.







A unique, architectural structure, Hathaway Hall is a center in which many students face the coldest, longest challenges in their college career.



Two coeds enjoy a between-class stroll at KSU.







Winter rolls around and students are wrapped in swaddling clothes dreaming of Spring break in sub-zero weather.







During the Spring, KSU comes alive and students catch the annual spring fever.











As the college years progressed, friendships formed that would survive future years of separation. However, later in life, class reunions would restore these bonds of friendship.

Friendships made while living in a dorm will last a lifetime.









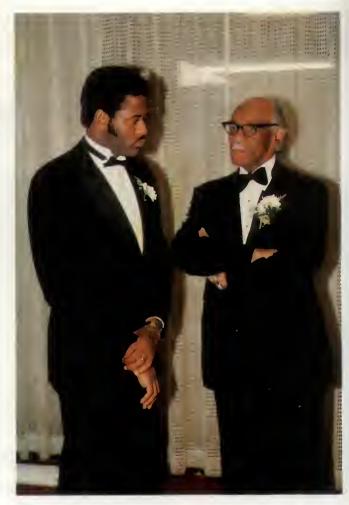


## KSU Says Goodbye to a Dear Friend





THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER of Dr. Henry E. Cheaney, a long time professor of history at the University, was packed by more than 400 well-wishers. Dr. Cheaney, who retired earlier this year, dedicated 46 years of his life to KSU.





THE POPULAR PROFESSOR was flooded with calls from well-wishers, including a telegram from President Ronald Reagan. Gov. John Y. Brown, Jr., made Dr. Cheaney an Ambassador of Goodwill for Kentucky.





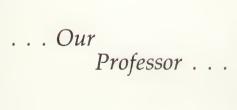
Pat Russell, a Washington, D.C. Attorney and a former student of Dr. Cheaney's, said he was a "Teacher's teacher, a student's dream . . . "

. . . Our Colleague . . .





... Our Mentor ...







. Our Friend.''

DR. CHEANEY IS a hallmark of Kentucky State University. He taught each of us to dare to be different . . . He made each of us better, stronger, wiser, and more courageous because he passed our way.

A SCHOLARSHIP FUND of \$10,000 was established in Dr. Cheaney's name by friends and alumni of the University.



# HOMECOMING

Homecoming comes only once a year, and it is a week that will be remembered for a long time.



















Saturday dawned bright and beautiful. As the sun peeked out among the clouds, KSU students were busy decorating cars for the Homecoming Parade.





The parade snaked down East Main Street into downtown Frankfort. The crowd cheered and clapped when Miss KSU and her court passed by on the royal float.





Thorobred spirit reached a fevered pitch during the homecoming game against the Golden Lions of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff that afternoon.







But Homecoming Was Not Over Yet . . .



Miss K.S.U., Lala M. Thomas and Escort Michael L. Kyle, Pres. S.G.A.



First Attendant
Kim Watters and
Escort Devin Rowland

Second Attendant Alma Roberts and Escort Jon Jackson



... Virtually the entire student body crowded into the sports arena downtown to attend the homecoming concert which featured Zapp, Roger Troutman, The S.O.S. Band, and Midnight Star.





SEVERAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED THE 1982-83 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Senator Julian Bond was the keynote speaker at KSU's Fall convocation.

Senator Bond has the distinction of being the first black to be nominated as a vice presidential candidate, an honor he was forced to decline because of his age, then 28, disqualified him for the office.





James Letton, President of the National Alumni Association, presents Senator Georgia Powers with a plaque during Alumni Weekend.



Governor John Y. Brown holds a press conference concerning KSU's Mission.

Governor Brown trades his politician's hat for one of a professor. Governor Brown taught a Public Affairs course at KSU.





Alex Haley, the author of *Roots*, was guest speaker, during Black History Month.

Haley's writing has won him the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

Time Magazine has labeled Haley "a folk hero" and his book *Roots* a cultural landmark.

Alex Haley is seen at the Press conference he held at KSU.





#### KSU HOLDS 10th CAREER FAIR

KSU held its tenth annual Career Fair in October. Representatives from approximately 40 companies and organizations participated by setting up booths and discussed career opportunities and training with students.





#### ROSENWALD CELEBRATES 9TH ANNIVERSARY



The Rosenwald Early Childhood Center celebrated its 9th year in existence with a candle lighting ceremony and birthday cake.

Dr. Gary McGaha, Assistant Dean of Educational Services, said the pre-school shaped the lives of each individual, and said he was happy "this program is an integral part of KSU". McGaha also added, "I am looking forward to all of these children to become future Thorobreds at KSU."

The Center was conceived in 1973, and Bart Ashley was the first headmaster in 1974. Enrollment increased yearly, and then in 1981, the Center was licensed by the State of Kentucky, and now serves 60 children from birth to five years old.





#### GRADUATION 1983

The day we thought would never come. We have come face to face with new freedoms and new responsibilities. Graduation—a day of joy and sadness.

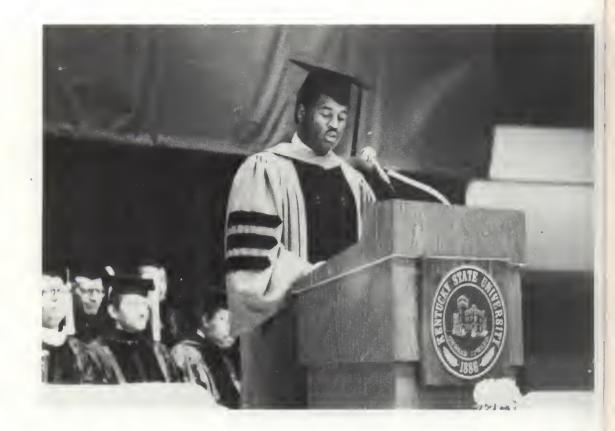








Dr. Burse addresses 1983 KSU Graduates.









1983 HONORS GRADUATES

1983 Honors Graduates—(first row, l-r) Pamela Coleman, Milly R. Noonan (nursing honors graduate), Betsy Miller, Dawn Hale, Glenn Mitchell, Clifford Ward, Jr., Jane Anderson, Rhonda Wilkins, (second and third rows, l-r) Lala Thomas, Melessa A. Brown, Anita Hogan, Sharon Mills (nursing honors graduate), Julie Mabry, Ben Rice, Jim Patrick, Garrick Foxhall, Walter Banks, (fourth row, l-r) Marilyn Christopher, Margaret B. Hurst, Kelly Lucas, Karen Cummings, Thomas Hayes, Clement Carter, (fifth row, l-r) Samuel Bryant, Debra Chadwick, Donna Jackson, Martha Phillips, Alice LeMaster, (sixth row, l-r) Henry Harned, Edward Warren, Nancy Shelton, and Michael Standard.





College graduation affects not only the graduate. Along with birth, baptism, and marriage, it is a family affair.

## ATHLETICS

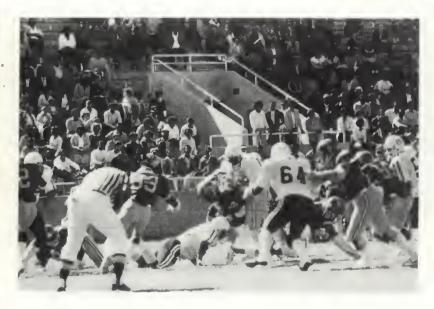












KSU THORO
MATTER OF





### BREDS—A PRIDE









KSU Thorobreds not only had a tough schedule to play this season, but head football coach Leroy Smith resigned, following a 50-0 loss to Central (Ohio) State University. Ron Mitchell replaced Smith and coached the last five games of the season.













THE 1982-83 THOROBREDS





Coach Lykins



Fred Bowles



Dewayne Fulton



Calvin Kane



David Kelly



Charles Myers



Henry Owens



Ike Roberson



Gary Ware



Troy Whitlow



Solomon Williams



Keith Williamson



After winning three consecutive NAIA national championships during the early 1970's, and compiling a sparkling 254-52 record during the decade and sending 11 players into the NBA during the same period, KSU finds itself rebounding from its worst basketball season in 16 years and its second consecutive losing season.

Winning has been in short supply for the Thorobred Basketball team in 1982. But, Lykins instilled pride into a program which seemed to have forgotten the glory years.











#### KSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HAS WINNING SEASON



1982-83 Thorobred Women's Basketball Team





Rhonda Beauford



Felicia Brown



Juanita Cole



Tiajuana Gill



Pamela King



Sonya King



Julie Mabry



Cindy Onyemelukwe



Darlene Sims



Pamela Tate

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Jackie Stringer (not pictured)



Second year head coach, Ken Randle, welcomed eight returning lettermen to his squad this year.

If all this experience was not enough to delight Coach Randle, 6' 0" Tiajuana Gill and 6' 1" Sonya King, sister of Pam King joined this year's team.







### KSU VOLLEYBALL TEAM CLINCHES DISTRICT TITLE



1982-83 KSU Volleyball Team





Rhonda Beauford



Felicia Brown



Camille Coleman



Michelle Ford



Tiajuana Gill



Annette Jett



Julie Mabry



Carla McQueen



Cindy Onyemelukwe



Tina Thurston

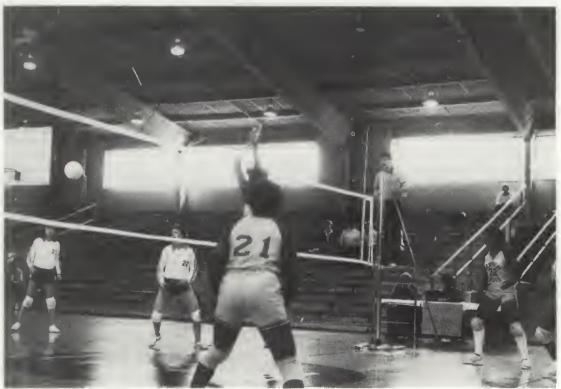


Valerie Whitehead

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(not pictured) Pam Tate





The KSU
Thorobrettes seized
the NAIA District 32
volleyball title by
defeating
Georgetown.

KSU Coach Ken Randle was named District 32 Coach of the Year, while Julie Mabry and Michelle Ford were named to the All-District volleyball team.







### KSU BASEBALL TEAM SPRINGS INTO ACTION







### CLASSES





### SENIOR CLASS









Juanita Allen



Gary Bibbs



Deborah Bowers



Faye Bryant



Lawrence Calbert



Wanda Carson



Pamela Coleman



Sabrina Colston



Joyce Dotson



Anita Hogan



Sherry Howerton



Henry Huntley



Rhonda F. Jackson



George Jones



Julie Mabry



Anita McCollum



William McKeithan



Jospeh Myers



Martha Phillips



Michael Rankins



Bridget Sewell-Rice



Alma Roberts



Brenda Robinson



Karon Taylor



Lala Thomas



Gerri Turner



Kimberly Watters



Arlandra Williams



Darian Woodbury

## JUNIOR CLASS









Phillip Bibbs



Susan Bland



Grace Burdette



Michael Dailey



Mary Daniels



Wendell Dorsey



Dennis Eaves



Yvette Howard



Toni Jackson



Kent Joiner



Vivian Lasley



Cheryl Ligon



Monica Love



George Milliken



Tracey Owens



Tim Reed



Christi Redmon



Leslie Richardson



James Scott



Brenda Stiff



Lee Lana Thomas

Natalie Thompson—Not Pictured



Tony Turner



Bevelyn Williams

# SOPHOMORE CLASS









Katrina Baldwin



Robert Bass



Michelle Booker



Bonnie Brown



Curtis Brown



James Davie



Leroy Dunn



Susan Fowler



Diane Gore



Terence Henderson



Tammie Jones



David Kelley



Charles Montgomery



Jamie Owens



Pamela Perry



Robert Quarrels



Joseph Railey



Karen Reynolds



Debra Sheckles



Michone Shields



Jessica Thomas



Jackie Thorton



Bruce Trent



Tonya Triplett

## FRESHMAN CLASS













Dorothy Abbott



Tim Bolton



Yvonne Campbell



Medgar Clark



Elizabeth Coleman



Darwin Crowe



Ray Elam



Carolyn Elery



Terri Golden



Todd Harris



Roy Hughes



Jonathan Jackson



Annette Jett



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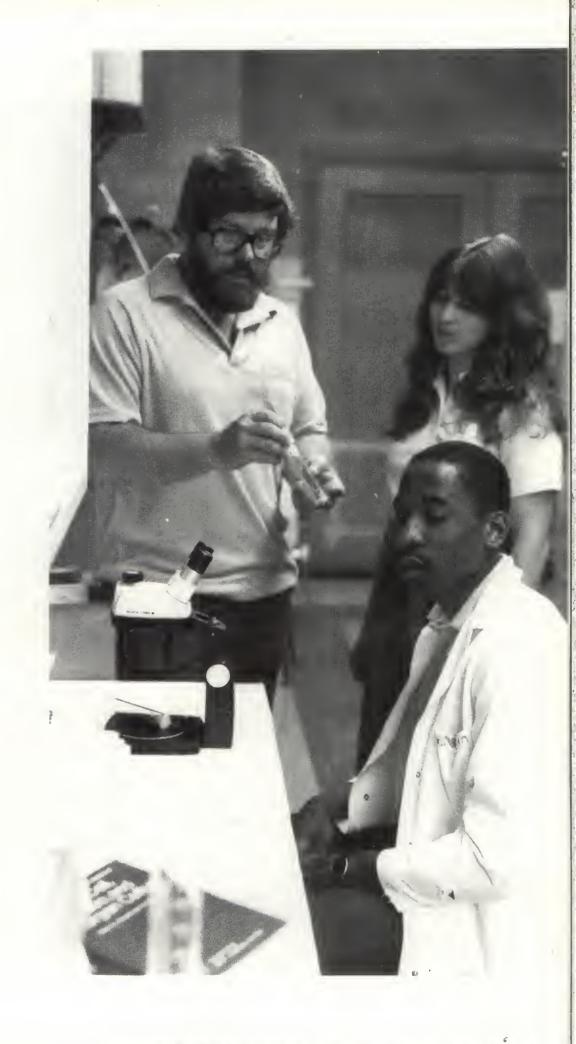


Howard West



Valerie Whitehead

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## RAYMOND M. BURSE: LEADING KSU

Kentucky State University work crews were tired of hearing how shabby the school's buildings had become. Their morale was sagzing. They needed a lift.

It was the perfect opportunity, a staff member thought, for a pep talk by Raymond Burse, the university's new 31-year-old president. Burse agreed to give the talk, but what followed was a tongue lashing, not a morale booster.

It turned out that the new president also was tired of complaints about the disrepair of buildings, which had caught the eye of members of the state Council on Higher Education. Burse's answer was: Get to work and do something about it.

I don't want to hear any more complaints from the council or the university regents or anyone else, he told the startled workers. The speech illustrated how the Hopkinsville native perceives his job at the 96-year-old university: "My primary reason for being here is to turn this institution around."

Determined to rid the traditionally black university of past management problems and a troubled image, Burse has taken a tough approach to get things moving.

"I did take a hard stand with the staff," Burse said recently. "I felt we were not getting the level of productivity for the compensation they were paid."

Privately, some of the staff muttered, and Burse heard what they were saying.

"I appear to be a 'young dictator', 'arrogant', 'insensitive'," Burse said. "But if I'm energetic and work hard, I feel like I can ask pepole to do the same."

There's another side to Burse, perhaps most apparent to students, who have described him as open, friendly and eager to improve their lot.

"He's doing a whole lot of pulling to make it better for the students", said Donald Booker, a junior from Louisville. "Mr. Butts (Burse's predecessor) didn't run the university. It seemed like the people under him ran the university. With Mr. Burse, you know who



runs things."

Burse became acting president last July, succeeding William A. Butts, who resigned in the face of a strong faculty opposition. In October, Burse was named KSU's ninth president.

He brings an impressive set of credentials to the job. A star student-athlete at Centre College, Burse spent two years as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. He went from there to Harvard Law School and then returned to Kentucky as a junior member of the prestigious Louisville law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant and Combs. Burse expects to sever his ties with the firm next summer.

His term at Kentucky State began with some skepticism. Doubters said that Burse was too young and inexperienced to tackle the challenges confronting the beleaguered institution.

Founded as a segregated black college, KSU

## TOWARDS CENTENNIAL EXCELLENCE



By Art Jester of the Lexington, Kentucky Herald-Leader Copyrighted 1983 by the Lexington Herald-Leader Reprinted from the January 9, 1983, edition with permission now has a white majority in its student body. Of its 2,322 students this year, 59 percent are white-many of whom attend part-time by taking classes at night.

Five years ago, KSU embarked on a campaign to increase enrollment, and in the process, diluted admission standards. Consequently, its freshmen have lower average entrance exam scores than students at any of the state's other public universities.

"The only requirement was you had to have blood pressure and a heartbeat," Burse said. Two years ago, KSU began fighting battles on two fronts. Internally, dissatisfaction with Butts intensified. Then the federal government ordered Kentucky to remove the last vestiges of segregation from its universities. With that came an order that Kentucky State be improved academically. For a while, some members of the Council on Higher Education contemplated other action. First came a proposal to merge KSU with another institution, then a plan to convert it into a two-year community college. Out of it all emerged Raymond Burse, the member of the Council on Higher Education who led a successful fight to retain Kentucky

State as a four-year institution.

Burse won time for the University and went on to become president. In so doing, he took responsibility for extensive changes at KSU over the next five years.

Under the federal order, KSU is supposed to concentrate on being a small, liberal arts undergraduate institution. At the same time, it is to provide training programs for state employees, maintain its community college program, and offer graduate courses in cooperation with three other state universities. The agenda—to be small and focused on the one hand, and diverse and even diffuse on the other—is demanding. But Burse is confident and eager.

"I've got a mission now, a mission to make KSU the best university it can be," he said. "I don't want to miss the opportunity that's available. Few people see the opportunity that is there."

And the young president's supporters are confident, too.

"Raymond can do anything he wants to do," said George Wilson, chairman of KSU's board of regents and the state corrections commissioner.

There is other, more recent evidence of Burse's attempts to upgrade KSU. The University is organizing a special honors college that will be the most visible sign of its new role as the state's only small liberal arts university. Students in the program are expected to rank near the top of their high school class and will study a "Great Books" curriculum in small classes.

The proposed College of Leadership Studies, which will enroll 50 freshmen next fall, will be closely watched as a critical indicator of KSU's transformation.

Meanwhile, Burse is looking for solutions to KSU's pressing needs: more money (he estimates that KSU needs another \$13 million for capital improvements), better facilities, better students, and a revamped image that will make KSU an attractive option for students of any race.

A tall order but he's not intimidated. "There are few opportunities in anybody's life to make a contribution like the opportunity I've been given at KSU—building an institution, changing its direction, doing something I really believe in," he said. "There's an opportunity for this university to be anything it wants to be."



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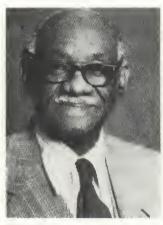
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